

By his Maiesties Pattentees for the Erecting the Manufacture of Hard-waxe.



WHEREAS THE KINGS most Excellent Maiestie hath taken knowledge that Hard-waxe being vñfull and delightfull amonge his subiects, is become moze frequent in these his Kingdomes then heretofore, and that it is for most part priuately imported from foraine places beyond the seaes, without custome or benefite to his Maiestie, and some time with much deceite to the subiect thereby, and that some smale quantitie thereof by two or thre vñskilfull persons onely, hath ben of late time made in this his Kingdome. So as the forrayner, or one or two strangers, make vse hereof, whereby it is sold at a dearer rate to the subiects, then otherwise it may be, if it were made & vñd as a knowne manufacture in this Kingdome, by persons brought vp & taught therein, as in other sciences & Trades, which are necessary for setting people to worke, and for breeding Commerce, which is the ayne of all ciuill Countreyes and for supply of themselves if possible as well as other Kingdomes, in like manner with all necessary & vñfull things by their owne industry, as good and better cheape then from forrayne countreyes, as for most part it is, which his Maiestie graciously intending and alwayes tending the good of his Subiects, and having taken knowledge, vpon due consideration and examination hereof by his Counsell learned, and finding the making of Hard-waxe, not to be of any particular Company, Trade or Science now vñd or established, nor hurtfull but vñfull to his subiects in generall, to erect a Manufacture thereof being a matter of delight and conueniencie rather then of necessity, so as for retorning the same in a moderate price and rate, least the forrayner from whence it is brought, finding it moze vñfull here, shall inhaunce the price thereof, if it shall come onely from him, and it being vñder taken by his Pattentes or his Deputies or Assignes to be as well or better made heere, and that his Kingdomes shalbe sufficiently serued. Hath thought fit, for these and like considerations by his Highnes Letters Patents vñder his great Seale of England, dated the Thurd of february last past, to graunt and declare that it shall become and be made a manufacture within this Kingdome, by sufficient workemen well skilled therein, that hereafter seruaunts or apprentices vñder them, being taught and practised in that Art, may come to the true knowledge thereof, and from time to time, be set on worke therein, as the vse thereof shall increase, and thereby these his Kingdomes the better cheape serued and furnished. To which end, his Maiestie hath also in and by his sayd letters Patents, among other things declared and signified his expresse will and pleasure to be, that no Hard-wax hereafter shalbe imported into these his Kingdomes by Marchants or others, Aliens or naturals, vñder the penalty of forfeiture and seizing thereof, and vñdergoing the lawes and penalties to be incurred, for contempt of his royall pleasure herein and also that no man within this his Kingdome otherwise then the Pattentes their Deputies or Assignes vñder like penalties and vñder payne of incurring his heauie displeasure and censure by the Lawes, for disobeying thereof shall presume to make and vtter or cause to be made and vttered any Hard-waxe so priuately made but such as shall be made or allowed by the Pattentes his Deputies and assignes. And that it shall be lawefull for the Pattente and his Assignes from time to time for distinction of their Wax by them made from others so priuately made or imported, to impose any marke or marks, and to seize and take that which shall not be so marked. Giuing heereby further notice, that all Shopkeepers, who haue vñually or shall vñually sell the same, shalbe serued by the pound or waight, with as good and better Wax, without want and better cheape, then for the most part the like is, or hath ben sold heretofore, whereof all those Shopkeepers whom this may concerne, shall haue further knowledge by a declaration in Print whether to repaire for the same, to be furnished, by or before the day of next coming, and in the meane time, These presents shalbe sufficient to giue knowledge of his Maiesties pleasure herein, to all whom this shall concerne, whereof if they doubt, they may repaire to the house of Sir Henry Breton Knight, in Drurie Lane, to see his Maiesties letters Patents to this purpose, if they desire to be further satisfied herein.

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God saue the King.